IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee: Dell Products L.P.

Title: Method and System for Automated Validation, Scripting, Dissemination and

Installation of Software

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2) month extension of time within which to respond to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed October 2, 2007, such extension allowing the undersigned until January 10, 2008, to respond.

The extension fee is being paid via the USPTO EFS. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502264.

FILED ELECTRONICALLY January 10, 2008 Respectfully submitted,

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